

Message of the Week

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**“Since September 11th, Congress has passed—
and will continue to pass—
legislation to protect Americans from terrorist attacks.”**

Examples of measures signed into law:

- **Aviation Security**. The President signed into law a bill aimed at improving the security of the nation's air transportation system. (*S. 1447, Public Law 107-71*)
- **Enhancing Border Security**. The President signed into law a bill enhancing border and immigration security and otherwise making certain reforms at the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). (*H.R. 3525, Public Law 107-173*)
- **Bioterrorism Preparation and Response**. The President signed into law a bill aimed at preparing for a bioterrorist attack. (*H.R. 3448, Public Law 107-188*)

Examples of measures passed by the House but not acted on by the full Senate:

- **Department of Homeland Security**. The House passed a bill to create the Department of Homeland Security as a Cabinet-level department. (*H.R. 5005*)
- **Arming Pilots**. The House passed a bill to authorize pilots to carry and use firearms in the course of their duties as federal flight deck officers. (*H.R. 4635*)
- **Homeland Security Information Sharing**. The House passed a bill to facilitate homeland security information sharing procedures amongst various levels of government. (*H.R. 4598*)

For more details on these bills and a comprehensive list of congressional actions taken in response to the terrorist attacks of last year, please visit this website:

<http://www.house.gov/burton/RSC/AttackResponse.PDF>